

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on April 8,
2000 at 8:45 A.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM
ROBERTA DOWNING
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
DOUGLAS MCKEAN
Councilmen

ABSENT:

ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN
Councilman

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis invited the audience to join the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

3. Consideration of request for approval to construct an 18 inch high stone retaining wall within the area of the city owned right-of-way near 80 Davis Avenue and authorization for the Interim City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Grace Associates LLC for this purpose.

Councilman McKean questioned whether the landscaping and wall was necessary as it appeared to be installed only for aesthetic reasons. He further questioned whether the trees would survive in this artificially created environment.

Robert Howard of Grace Associates, his attorney Linda Whitehead, and several neighboring residents of 80 Davis Avenue spoke in favor of keeping the retaining wall, berm, and additional landscaping installed by Mr. Howard as they felt it improved the aesthetic conditions and would help prevent illegal dumping in this area.

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchings and seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a license agreement with Grace Associates LLC subject to the following additional restrictions:

- In the event that the abutting property owner proceeds to improve access to Davis Avenue, Grace Associates shall at their expense create a twelve foot opening in the wall for such access and shall restore the area as necessary, including landscaping, back to original grade.
- If the trees do not survive due to their placement in an artificial berm, new trees will be placed in the ground at the original grade at the expense of Grace Associates.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing, Hutchings, Larr,

NAYS: Councilman McKean

ABSENT: Councilman Stampleman

4. Other Business

Interim City Manager Christopher Bradbury advised the City Council that he has received six (6) responses to a request for proposals to perform a Joint Traffic Safety Study involving the areas around each of the schools in the Rye City School District.

Mr. Bradbury, the School Superintendent and the City Engineer were planning interviews with three finalists and the City Council would then receive a recommendation to authorize the selection of a consultant. Since the selected consultant needs to perform field investigations prior to the end of the school year, it is important to have the consultant approved as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mayor Otis and seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Interim City Manager is authorized to sign an agreement with a recommended consultant prior to the next regular City Council meeting, to perform the Joint Traffic Safety Study near each of the schools in the Rye City School District.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing, Hutchings, Larr,

NAYS: Councilman McKean

ABSENT: Councilman Stampleman

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Councilwoman Larr, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Bradbury
Interim City Manager